STIC Search Report
EIC 3600

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Art Unit: 3629
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Search Notes

Dear Examiner Ruhl:

Please find attached the results of your search for 08/720927.

The search was conducted using the mandatory database lists for Business Methods.

These other sources were also used: Internet,

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for using EIC3600!

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Fast & Focused Search Request

Today's Date: 9/13/06	Class/Subclass 705/1	What date would you like to use to limit the search?
		Priority Date: 4/1/1991 Other:

Name _Dennis Ruhl_

AU __3629__   Examiner # __72209__

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Serial # __08/720,927__

Format for Search Results (Circle One):

(PAPER)   DISK   EMAIL

Where have you searched so far?

(USP) (DWPI) (EPO) (JPO) ACM (IBM TDB)

IEEE   INSPEC   SPI   Other _Proquest, google_

A "Fast & Focused" Search is completed in 2-3 hours (maximum). The search must be on a very specific topic and meet certain criteria. The criteria are posted in EIC3600 and on the EIC3600 NPL Web Page at http://ptoweb/patents/stic/stic-tc3600.htm.

What is the topic, novelty, motivation, utility, or other specific details defining the desired focus of this search? Please include the concepts, synonyms, keywords, acronyms, definitions, strategies, and anything else that helps to describe the topic. Please attach a copy of the abstract, background, brief summary, pertinent claims and any citations of relevant art you have found.

I am looking for a reference that discusses "dimensional weight". This is the idea of making a shipping fee (mail, freight) based on the weight and volume of the package/item being shipped. Weight and volume of the package are used to calculate how much it will cost to ship the package/item.

terms: dimensional weight
how are shipping fees calculated → I tried this in google, found nothing with a good date.

STIC Searcher _____   Phone __2-3522__

Date picked up __9-15-06__   Date Completed __9-15-06__

STIC Search Results
Feedback Form

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Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact *the EIC searcher or contact*:

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Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➢ *I am an examiner in Workgroup:* [   ]   *Example: 3620 (optional)*

➢ *Relevant prior art found, search results used as follows:*

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature
  (journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➢ *Relevant prior art not found:*

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

Comments:

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DIALOG(R)File   2:INSPEC

02335044   INSPEC Abstract Number: C79013801
 Title: **Shipping system improves efficiency**
  Journal: Computer Decisions   vol.10, no.10   p.64
  Publication Date: Oct. 1978 Country of Publication: USA
  CODEN: CODCB8 ISSN: 0010-4558
  Language: English   Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)
  Treatment: General, Review (G)
  Abstract: High performance, compact computers act as robot shipping
agents to handle more than 200 packages an hour at each of five Air Force
Logistic Centres. The computer is part of a system called DAWS
(dimensioning and weighing system), which measures, weighs, calculates
volume and determines the lowest-cost, most efficient method of shipping
and routeing. (0 Refs)
  Subfile: C
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